

CLAIMS

1. A soft, melt extruded polypropylene fabric, said fabric comprising thermally bonded polypropylene filaments containing, as a melt additive, a blend of fatty acid amides in said polypropylene in an amount of at least 0.02%, said blend comprising stearamide and erucamide, where the amount of stearamide is greater than the amount of erucamide, where the bending resistance of the fabric is less than about 0.62 grams per gram of fabric.

2. The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises 25 to 40 percent erucamide.

3. The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises 60 to 75 percent stearamide.

4. The fabric of claim 1 used as a component in an absorbent article.

5. The fabric of claim 1 used as a component in a protective apparel article.

6. The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises from about 0.2 to about 1.0 percent of the weight of the fabric.